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Athens, Tennessee

Local and Area News

◆ CITY COUNCIL TO CHOOSE NEW MAYOR

A special called meeting of the Athens City Council will take place at 11 a.m. today at the Athens Municipal Building. The first order of business will be to certify the November 8th election and then conduct the swearing-in of Incumbent Council Member Chuck Burris and new Council Member John Coker. The new council will then meet and elect a new mayor and vice-mayor.

◆ SINGLE CAR WRECK ON HIGHWAY 307

The driver of a 1997 Pontiac Grand Am lost control and hit a tree about 9:30 pm Wednesday night on Hwy 307. Englewood Rural Fire Dept. responded. Pictured is Firefighter Savanna Casteel. The driver was transported to Starr Regional by AMR. The accident was investigated by THP officer Greg Walker who was assisted by the McMinn Co. Sheriff's Department. Photo by Lynn Ingram with the Englewood Rural Fire Department.



NATIONAL & WORLD NEWS

◆ Communist dictator Fidel Castro died Friday at the age of 90. He ruled Cuba with an "iron fist" from 1959 until 2008, when he transferred power to his brother Raul Castro. Thousands of people filled the streets of Miami's Little Havana early Saturday morning to celebrate Fidel Castro's death.

◆ President Obama offered his condolences to the Castro family and extended "a hand of friendship to the Cuban people," following the announcement by Cuban President Raul Castro that his brother had died.

◆ President-elect Donald Trump said at a Miami rally last September, that he would roll back President Obama's executive actions with regards to Cuba unless the Castro regime begins to recognize "religious and political freedom" and free political prisoners.

◆ A judge in South Carolina has ruled that the accused Charleston, South Carolina church shooter is competent to stand trial. The shooter has been charged with the deaths of the "Charleston Nine" the black worshipers who were gunned down at the historic Emmanuel AME Zion church during a bible study in June 2015.

◆ A Florida couple that met on match.com and then got married found out months later that they had attended the same preschool at age 3. Justin Pounder told his wife Amy that his first crush was on a girl named Amy at preschool. Eight months later Justin's mother found an old photo of the two and that's when they found out she was "Amy".

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Need special personalized Christmas gifts?

Author Christy Jordan will be in the shop Dec. 1st, from 4-7pm signing her new book, *Sweetness*.

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Tuesday - 60% rain early then partly sunny. High-69.
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Cutting the Ribbon at The Shed

A ribbon cutting was celebrated recently for new Athens Chamber of Commerce member, The Shed Fitness Center, at 100 East Washington Ave. in Downtown Athens. Pictured, L-R: Lisa Harrison (Chamber Diplomat), Richard Newman, Tara Carter, Elaine Newman, Marilyn Miller, Rob Preston (Chamber President/CEO), Brian Key, Holly Puryear, Ty Powell (Personal Trainer), Amy Sherlin, Justin McRary (Owner & Personal Trainer), Povey Carter (In front of Justin), Evonne Hayes, Cody Heifnar (Personal Trainer), Daustin Kratzer, Lisa Dotson (Main Street), Kim York (Diplomat), Dana Ferguson (Diplomat Chairwoman), Billie Crabtree (Diplomat), Miguel Maria, and Jackie Newman (Chamber Chairman)
(Photo by Kay Simmons)



Obituaries

- **Jerry Lee Roberts**, age 61, of Ten Mile, died Friday at Erlanger Medical Center. A Graveside Service will be held Monday at 11 a.m. at the Roberts Cemetery in Ten Mile. Bowers Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.
- **Wayne Ferguson**, of Athens, died Thursday, November 24th at his home. Funeral arrangements will be announced by Laycock-Hobbs Funeral Home.

Today In History, November 28

- 1520** - Portuguese navigator Ferdinand Magellan reached the Pacific Ocean after passing through the South American strait that now bears his name.
 - 1640** - John Bunyon, the author of "Pilgrim's Progress" was born.
 - 1895** - America's first automobile race was held. Six cars raced on a 55-mile round-trip course from Chicago's Jackson Park to Evanston, Illinois. It took the winner 7 hours and 53-minutes to finish.
 - 1925** - The Grand Ole Opry in Nashville made its debut on radio station WSM.
 - 1939** - A Tabby cat named Puss celebrated its 36th birthday in England. Puss, who was recognized as the oldest cat in recorded history, died the next day.
 - 1942** - Fire destroyed the Coconut Grove nightclub in Boston, killing nearly 500 people.
 - 1981** - Alabama football coach Paul 'Bear' Bryant won his 315th victory to become college football's all-time career victory leader.
- The Big Orange got "squeezed" by Vanderbilt Saturday. The final score was UT 34 Vandy 45. Tennessee ended the regular season with a record of 8-4 and 4-4 in the SEC.**



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